

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

16 (original): An aqueous-based curable coating composition comprising:

- a. a resinous binder comprising
  - i. a reaction product of an epoxy-containing polymer with a compound containing phosphorus acid groups, the reaction product having reactive functional groups,
  - ii. a curing agent having functional groups reactive with the functional groups of (i);
- b. an electroconductive pigment dispersed in (a) such that the weight ratio of b to (i) plus (ii) is within the range of 0.5 to 9.0:1; and
- c. water,

the coating composition being characterized such that when it is deposited and cured on a metal substrate, the cured coating is weldable.

17 (original): The coating composition according to claim 16 further comprising stabilizers, dispersants, and thickeners.

18 (original): The coating composition according to claim 17 wherein the stabilizer/dispersant is potassium tripolyphosphate.

19 (original): The coating composition according to claim 16 further comprising an amine.

20 (original): The coating composition according to claim 16 further comprising corrosion inhibiting pigments.

Claims 21-24 (canceled)

Claims 25-28 (canceled)